GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:156
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2001
EMPLOYMENT FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS
PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government would explore the possibilities to provide employment and assistance to handicapped persons, to impart training to them and to ensure their participation in various programmes in future;

(b) the facilities being provided by the Government to the handicapped persons for self- employment; and

(c) the reasons for delay in implementing financial and non-financial incentive schemes for expediting the pace of rehabilitation of handicapped persons of Madhya Pradesh byproviding employment to them and to provide the cost of training to the State Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.156 (16th Position) FOR ANSWER ON 01.08.2001 RAISED BY SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHALE REGARDING EMPLOYMENT FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS

(1) Various steps taken to provide employment, assistance and training to persons with disabilities are listed below:-

(i) Reservation has been provided for persons with disabilities in Government establishments under Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995;

(ii) Financial assistance is provided to the State Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Employment of the Handicapped;

(iii) The Vocational Rehabilitation Centres under the Directorate General Employment and Training, Ministry of Labour also provide for vocational training and placement of persons with disabilities;

(iv) The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation is providing soft loans to the persons with disabilities for taking up entrepreneurial activities;

(v) Voluntary organizations are being assisted for providing, inter alia, vocationa training to persons with disabilities.

(2) As per Annual Report 1999-2000 of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, the following initiatiaves have been taken for the welfare of persons with disabilities in Madhya Pradesh:-

(i) Under the Chunaoti Programme 16,780 children were admitted in Aganwadis.

(ii) State Level Seminar on employment for persons with disabilities in private sector was organized.

(iii) 6 per cent reservation of jobs in Government. 4152 persons with disabilities benefited.

(iv) Committee under Chief Secretary has been constituted to identify job for persons with disabilities.

(v) Rs.200 per month is provided to persons with disabilities living below poverty line.

(vi) Scholarships to students with disabilities for families whose income is less than Rs.2000 per month.

(vii) 2 institutes have been given grant to start Braille press.

(viii) Preference is given to persons with disabilities for granting land for starting business.

(ix) 2 per cent are reserved for persons with disabilities in shopping complexes.

(x) 3 per cent are reserved in housing for persons with disabilities

(xi) 50 per cent concession in property tax for persons with disabilities.

(xii) Allotment of land at concessional rate for persons with disabilities.

(xiii) 3 per cent reservation in educational institutes.

(xiv) Conferences on the implementation of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 have been conducted.

(xv) A Composite Rehabilitation Centre has been established in Bhopal.

(xvi) One Regional Rehabilitation Centre for Spinally Injured has been set up in Jabalpur.

(xvii) 10 distircts have been identified for setting up of District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (District center).

(xviii) District Centres at Gwalior, Jhabua, Indore and Rajgarhhave become functional. A regional center of Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO) is being established in Jabalpur for production of aids and appliances.